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Reports from Bocas del Toro, fruit port—Leprosy—Sickness on steam ship Harald; cases not removed.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows: Week ended August 4, 1905: Present officially estimated population not obtainable; 4 deaths; prevailing disease, malarial fever; 1 case of leprosy; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

The *Harald* had a crew of 20 when she arrived from Colon. I recommended the detention of 2 sick sailors, but the manager of United Fruit Company refused to take them off and they proceeded with the ship.

Bills of health were issued to the following named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage.
July 30	Ellis	Mobile	31	3	0	6
31	Galecia	Colon		4	0	(a)
Aug. 1	Herald	do		2	0	(a)
2	Harald	Mobile	18	0	0	0
3	Fort Morgan	do	24	0	0	0
4	Utstein	do	17	0	0	0
4	Mount Vernon	A port in United States via Port Antonio, Jamaica	20	2	1	7

a Not inspected.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows: Week ended August 11, 1905. Present officially estimated population not obtainable; 1 death; prevailing disease, malarial fever; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage.
Aug. 6	John Wilson	Mobile	18	0	0	0
7	Herald	Colon		0	0	(a)
10	Fort Gaines	Mobile	24	0	0	0
10	Taunton	do	25	0	0	0

a Not inspected.

PERU.

Report from Callao—Plague—Smallpox on steamship Tucapel—Plague and smallpox in Chile—Vaccination of emigrants for the Canal Zone.

Assistant Surgeon Lloyd reports, July 23 and 27, as follows:

Plague, July 10 to 20.

	New cases.	Recovered.	Died.	Remaining.
Lima	2	2	2	6
Callao	0	1	0	0
Paleta	0	0	0	0
Total	2	3	2	6

A case of plague occurred in Callao on the 22d, and dead rats have been found in several places.

The Chilean steamship *Tucapel* arrived this morning en route to Panama, having landed a case of smallpox in Pisagua. Every vessel on the Panama route has been infected with smallpox during the last six months.

Bills of health from Valparaiso, Chile, report 2,000 cases of smallpox with 500 deaths during the past two weeks (July 17). From Antofagasta, under date of July 21, 102 cases of smallpox with 29 deaths, and 3 cases of plague with 1 death for the two weeks immediately preceding.

During the month of June, 1905, there were 117 persons vaccinated for ports in the United States and Panama; 1,071 persons were vaccinated by the Peruvian authorities in connection with quarantine work in Callao.

PORTO RICO.

Report from Ponce.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Torres reports, August 1, as follows:

Summary of transaction of Service during the month of July, 1905.

Vessels inspected	9
Bills of health issued	21
Passengers inspected:	
Incoming	66
In transit	350
Crew inspected	465
Vessels in quarantine	2
Immigrants inspected	37
Rejection	0
Passengers detained in quarantine	0

VENEZUELA.

Report from Maracaibo—Yellow fever diminishing—Sanitary conditions.

Consul Plumacher reports, July 28, as follows:

There are fewer cases of yellow fever and I doubt if the disease becomes epidemic, but it has to be borne in mind that yellow fever is endemic here.

The long drought, lasting for years, the necessity of our poor classes to drink the impure water of the lake near Maracaibo, and the bad water of the ponds dug for use of the cattle bring on many bowel diseases; the death rate amongst the infants and children from pulmonary diseases is very large. Add to this the daily temperature of 35°, and it is but natural that the health of the population should suffer under such circumstances. In the interior districts of the State of Zulia the population, the cattle, and the crops suffer much from the scarcity of rain. In some parts it has not rained for eighteen months. In consideration that we have now no danger of yellow fever epidemic I have withdrawn the order that every passenger should procure a certificate of a physician before receiving his passage ticket. .